

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A content broker system comprising:

memory to store a device profile table accessible by a content broker module, the device profile table including a list of media formats that can be played by a subscriber media device; and

a content broker process server including the content broker module, the content broker module to:

provide to a third party content provider the list of media formats that can be played by the subscriber media device, wherein the list of media formats is retrieved from the memory;

provide to the third party a set of new usage rights associated with a previously purchased media asset; and

acquire media content and associated ~~a new~~ digital rights license key[[s]] from the third party content provider in response to a subscriber request, the new digital rights license key to authorize the set of new usage rights.

2. (Previously Presented) The content broker system of claim 1, wherein the content broker process server has access to a database maintaining a media asset table that includes data associated with the acquired media content, the data received from the content broker module, the data including a unique identifier, a title, a category, a media type, a media characteristic, usage rights, a license key, a purchase date, a distributor purchase ID, a distributor unique content ID, and a distributor identifier.

3. (Previously Presented) The content broker system of claim 1, further comprising a single sign-on identity service to maintain user accounts and authentication credentials including a password and biometric information.

4. (Previously Presented) The content broker system of claim 1, further comprising a web server to:

aggregate media content titles of media content available from the third party content provider; and

provide subscriber access to the media content as identified by the media content titles.

5. (Previously Presented) The content broker system of claim 1, further comprising a network interface that uses standard web services protocols to communicate with the third party content provider.

6. (Previously Presented) The content broker system of claim 1, wherein the third party content provider uses single sign-on credentials to verify a user's subscription to a hosting service and to initiate requests to obtain device profile information.

7. (Previously Presented) The content broker system of claim 6, wherein the content broker module receives media content information, media file content, and rights usage license keys in response to a content purchase request by the user.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing content, the method comprising:

~~providing a login to a hosting service using a single sign-on account, the hosting service supporting browsing of content titles aggregated from one or more content provider web sites;~~

in response to a user purchase request for a selected content title, purchasing content associated with the selected content title from at least one of one or more the content provider websites;

providing user device characteristics of a user device, including a list of requested new usage rights ~~media formats~~ compatible with the user device, to the at least one of the content provider websites;

receiving the content in a media format compatible with the requested new usage rights ~~user device~~ from the at least one of the content provider websites; and

receiving from a content provider media characteristics including media format and fidelity, along with the content and a new digital rights license key ~~key~~, the new digital rights license key to authorize the requested new usage rights.;

~~storing the media characteristics in a media asset table at the hosting service; and~~

~~optionally sending the content to a requested user device.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising adapting the content with regard to media format, resolution, fidelity, or bit rate to accommodate the requested new usage rights ~~a second device without reacquiring the content from a content provider website.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[9]]~~ 8, wherein the a hosting service obtains a the new digital rights license key and notifies the content provider website of receipt of the new digital rights license key ~~after adapting the content.~~

11. (Withdrawn) A method of processing a remote command from a third party site to facilitate direct ordering in conjunction with content broker services, the method comprising:

receiving a request from a third party site inquiring as to the authenticity of a subscriber using a single sign-on identifier to access the third party site;

receiving notification of a purchase request at a content broker site from the third party site;

receiving a request from the third party site regarding device characteristics of a subscriber device;

transmitting device information relating to the device characteristics;

receiving media information including media type, size, license key, and media content; and

storing the media information in a media asset table.

12. (Withdrawn) The method of processing a remote command of claim 11, wherein the device information includes screen resolution computing capabilities, storage available, and audio capabilities.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of processing a remote command of claim 11, further comprising storing a copy of the media content.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of processing a remote command of claim 11, further comprising sending the media content to a requested device of the subscriber in response to the third party site.

15. (Withdrawn) A method of processing a request from a content service user, the method comprising:

receiving a request from the user to replace a media file;

scanning a media asset table to determine a supplier of the media file;

communicating a purchase date, content identifier, and original license key to the supplier of the media file;

informing the user of charges associated with re-obtaining the media file;

receiving the media file and a new license key from the supplier of the media file; and

updating the media asset table with an updated purchase date, content identifier, usage rights, and the new license key.

16. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a content brokerage service, the system comprising:

a content broker process server including a content broker module to provide to a subscriber of the content brokerage service access to a remote content provider, ~~and further~~ to provide device profile information associated with a media device of the subscriber to the remote content provider and to receive from the remote content provider an updated license key to authorize a set of new usage rights associated with a previously purchased media asset; and

a memory to store the device profile information, the memory further to provide the device profile information to the content broker module.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the content broker module is further to facilitate a distribution of the an updated license key and media content to the at least one subscriber.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the content broker module is to issue a request to the remote content provider to distribute the updated license key and the media content.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the content broker module is to receive a request from the subscriber to distribute the updated license key to the subscriber.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the content brokerage service is to receive notification that an original content file is no longer accessible before the content broker module receives the request for the updated license key.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the device profile information includes a first supported media format of the media device.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the device profile information includes a memory address to identify a free memory block to store distributed content data.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the memory is further to store content asset information within a media asset table, the content asset information including an indicator specifying media format.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the content asset information stored in the media asset table further includes purchase data.

25-28. (Canceled).

29. (Withdrawn) A method of managing content, the method comprising:

receiving a request for modified content with respect to a first version of content distributed to a user;

determining a content provider associated with the first version of content;

communicating data to the content provider, the data associated with the distribution of the first version of content;

communicating a modified content request to the content provider; and

receiving a second version of the content and a second license key associated with use of the second version of the content.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, further comprising retrieving the data from a media asset table to determine the content provider associated with the first version of the content.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30, further comprising storing data associated with the second version of the content into the media asset table.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, wherein the data associated with the distribution of the first version of the content includes a unique content identification and a first license key.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein data associated with the distribution of the first version of the content further includes purchase data.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33, wherein data associated with the second version of the content includes a second purchase date, a second content identifier, and a second license key.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, wherein the second version of the content has a different media format than the first version of the content.

36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, further comprising receiving an indication of a fee to be charged by the content provider to provide the second version of the content.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 36, further comprising receiving confirmation from the user to pay the fee to the content provider.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, wherein the second version of the content and the second license key are distributed to the user.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, wherein the request for modified content is received at a first computer site and wherein the second version of the content is stored at a second computer site associated with the content provider.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 39, wherein the second version of the content is communicated from the second computer site to the first computer site.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, wherein the second version of the content is a rights encoded copy of a media file.

42.-49. (Cancelled).

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the device profile information further includes a media device identification of the media device.

51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the content asset information further includes a media asset identity, a media asset title, and a media asset category.

52. (Cancelled).

53. (New) The content broker system of claim 1, wherein the set of new usage rights comprise a right to store the previously purchased media asset on a specified device.

54. (New) The content broker system of claim 1, wherein the set of new usage rights comprise a right to store the previously purchased media asset in a specified format.

55. (New) The content broker system of claim 1, wherein the memory is further to store a log of media assets previously purchased.

56. (New) The content broker system of claim 1, wherein the content broker module is further to provide to the third party content provider a license key obtained when the previously purchased media asset was purchased.

57. (New) The content broker system of claim 1, wherein the device profile table further includes device portability information.

58. (New) The content broker system of claim 1, wherein the device profile table further includes information related to whether a specified subscriber media device includes a removable memory.

59. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the requested new usage rights include a right to store a previously purchased media asset on a specified device.

60. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the requested new usage rights include a right to store a previously purchased media asset in a specified format.

61. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein the set of new usage rights comprises a right to store the previously purchased media asset on a specified device.

62. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein the set of new usage rights comprises a right to store the previously purchased media asset in a specified format.